don't forget to turn your sound on!

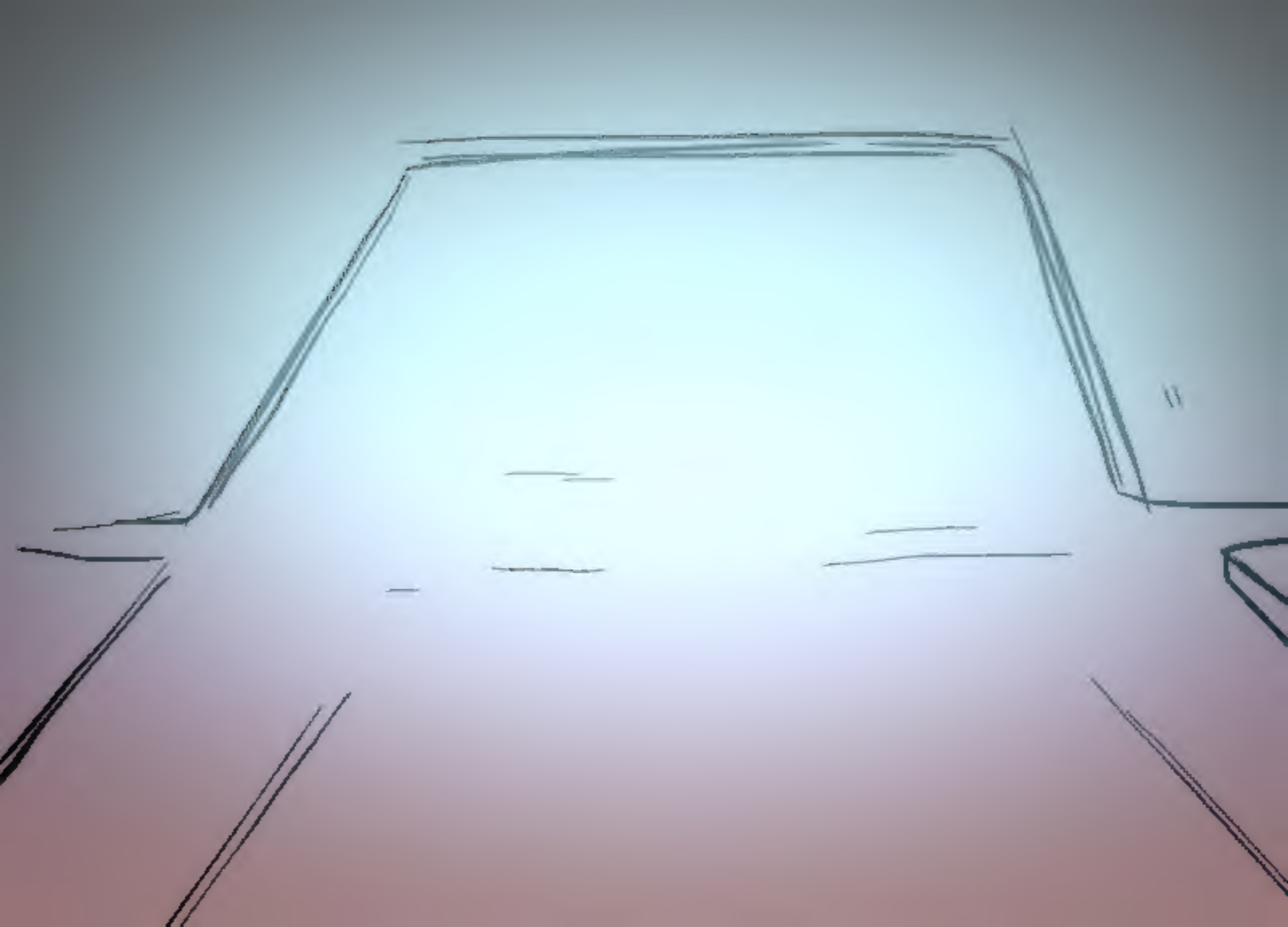
ARENA 2
DESIRE
ARENA 1
MOOD
COMPLETE
ARENA 3

EGO
ARENA 5
TRUST
ARENA 4
MEMORY

STORY/ART: TOONIMATED

# CHAPTER 99

## "BURY A FRIEND"



COUGH
COUGH
GUHH!

WHAT'S THAT SMELL?!
SNIFF
SNIFF

DID SOMEONE SET OFF THE S.B.D. GRENADE ALREADY?

I THINK IT'S COMING FROM THIS MIST!
RUB
RUB

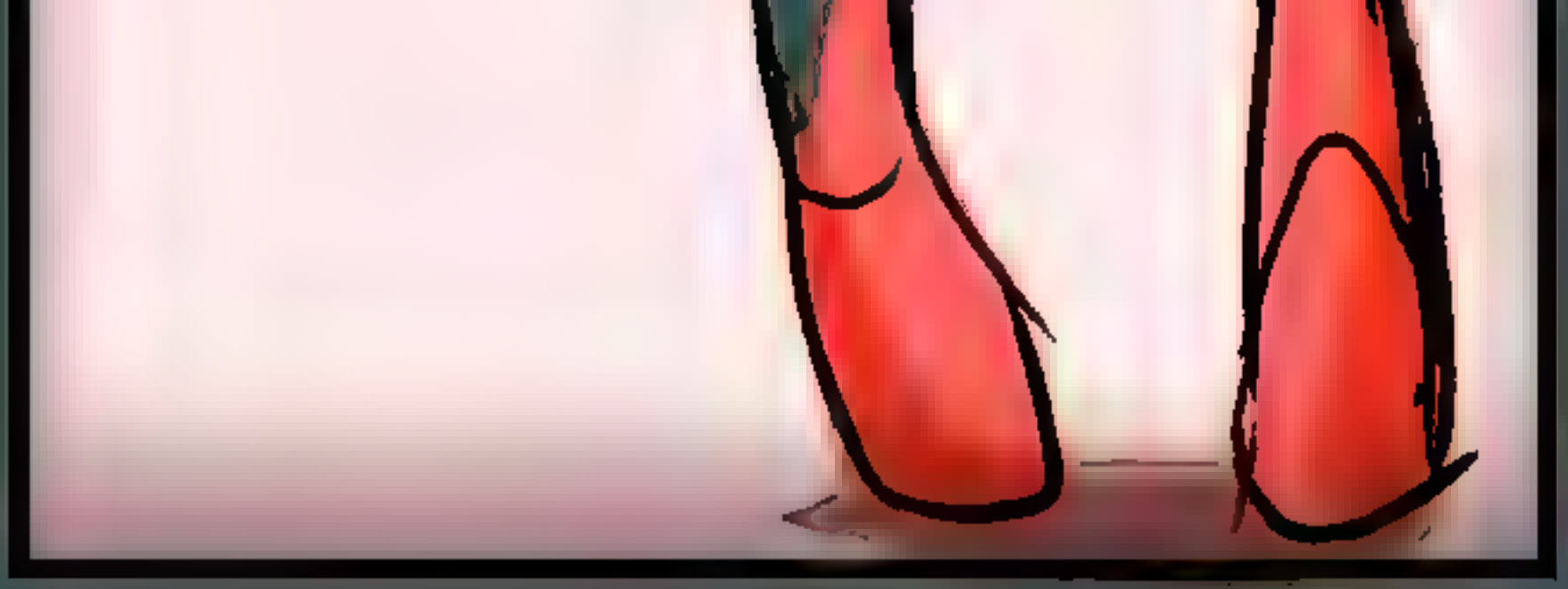
STOMP

Hello there, cuties.

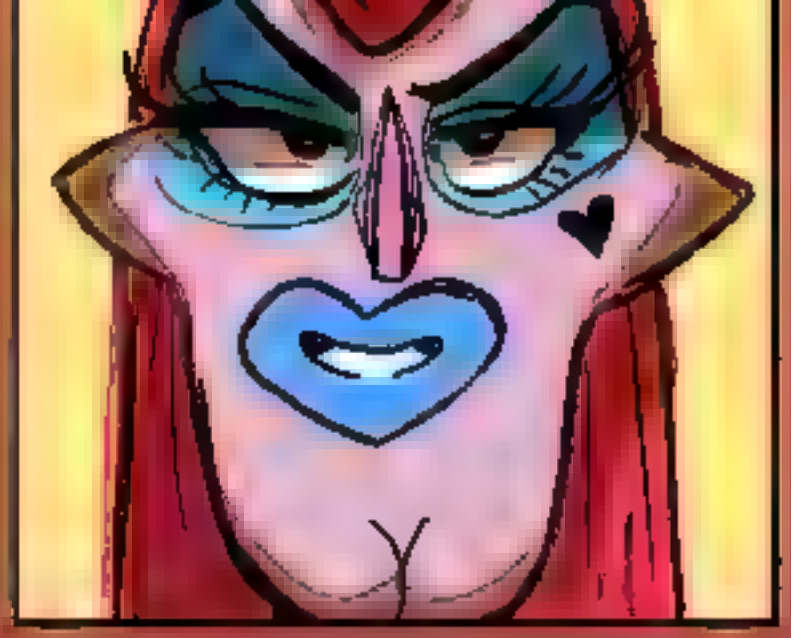
How do you like my perfume?

I call
it my "love
potion".

It looks
like our 2nd Boss
has already captivated
another group of contestants
with their alluriing
aroma!!



Will any of them be able to overcome their infatuation in order to defeat Desiroid?!



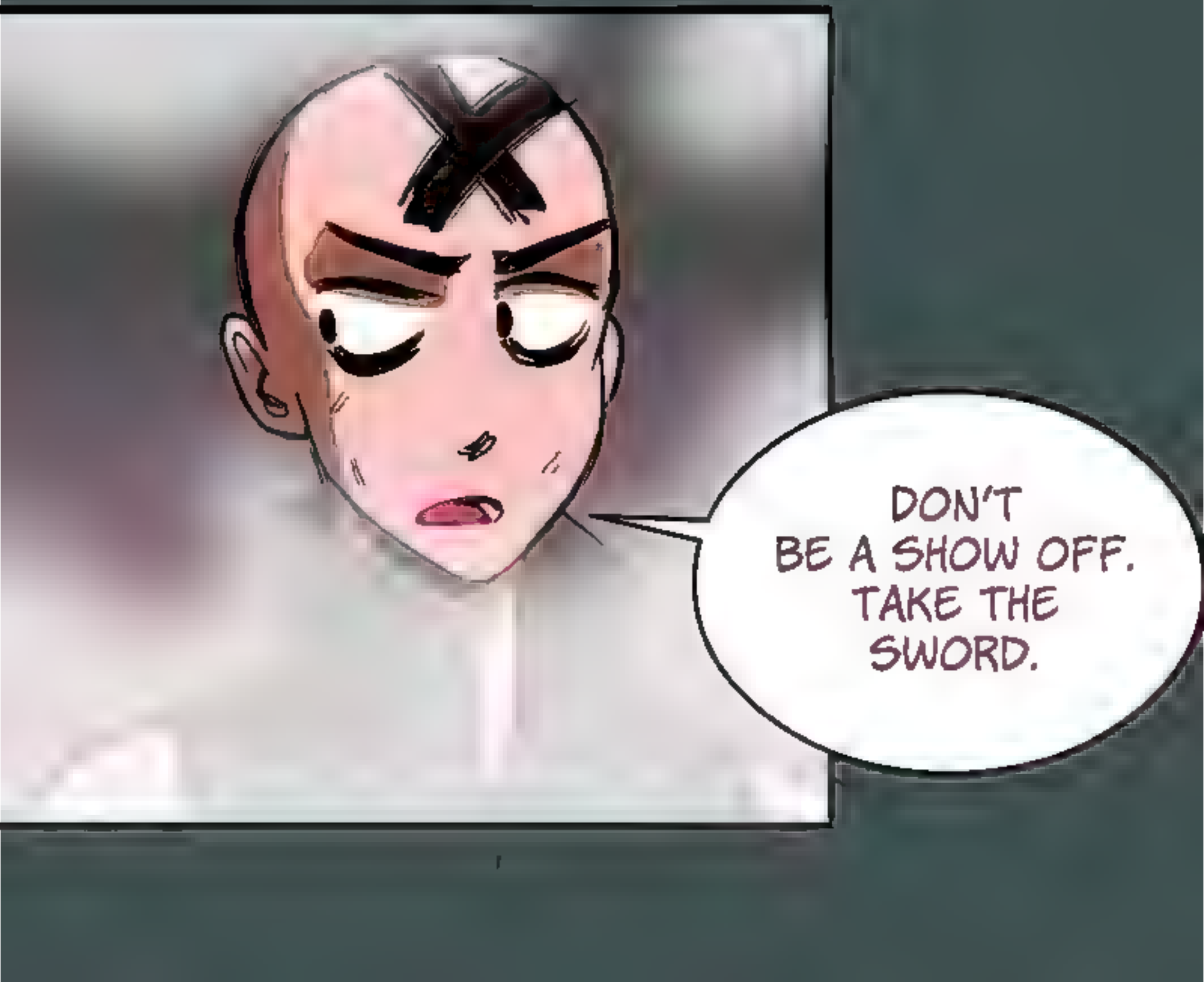
DESIROID

HP 17000

MP 500

RANK S

I GOT THIS. I DON'T MIND A LITTLE MOISTURE IN THE AIR!
CRACK
CRACK
I WON'T EVEN NEED A SWORD.


DON'T
BE A SHOW OFF.
TAKE THE
SWORD.

YEAH, YEAH, I KNOW.

THANKS, SYLLIE. I'LL BRING IT RIGHT BACK!

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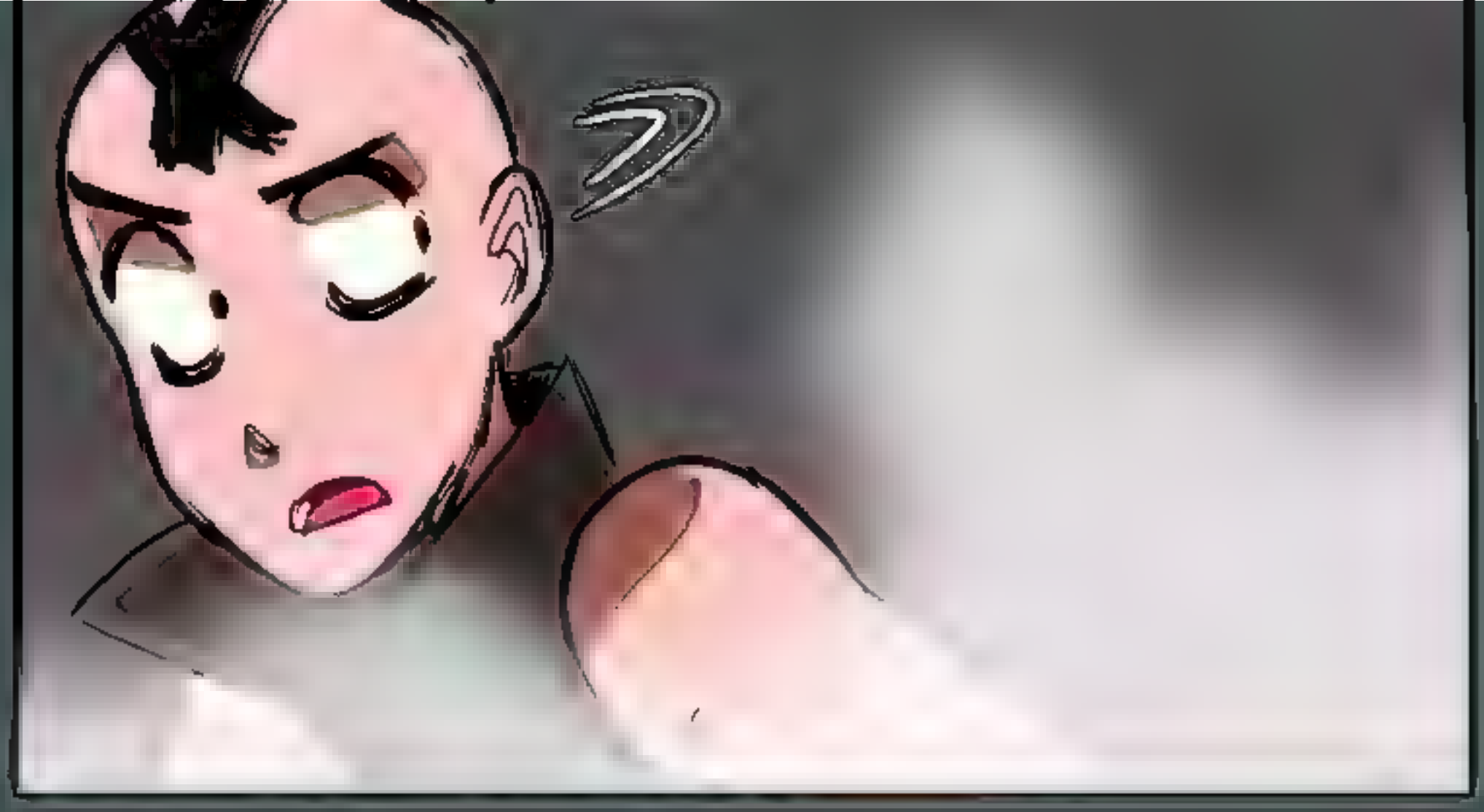

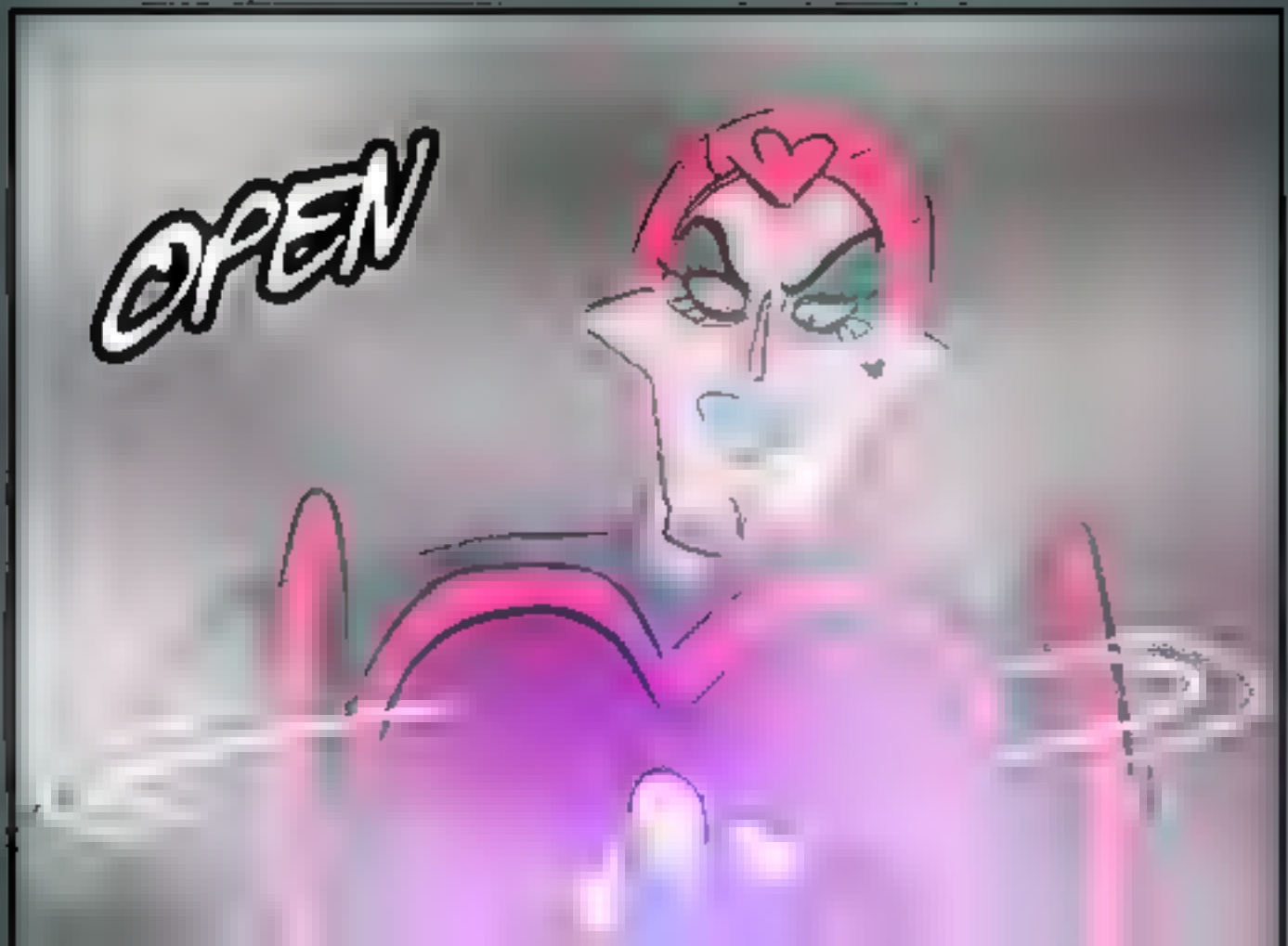
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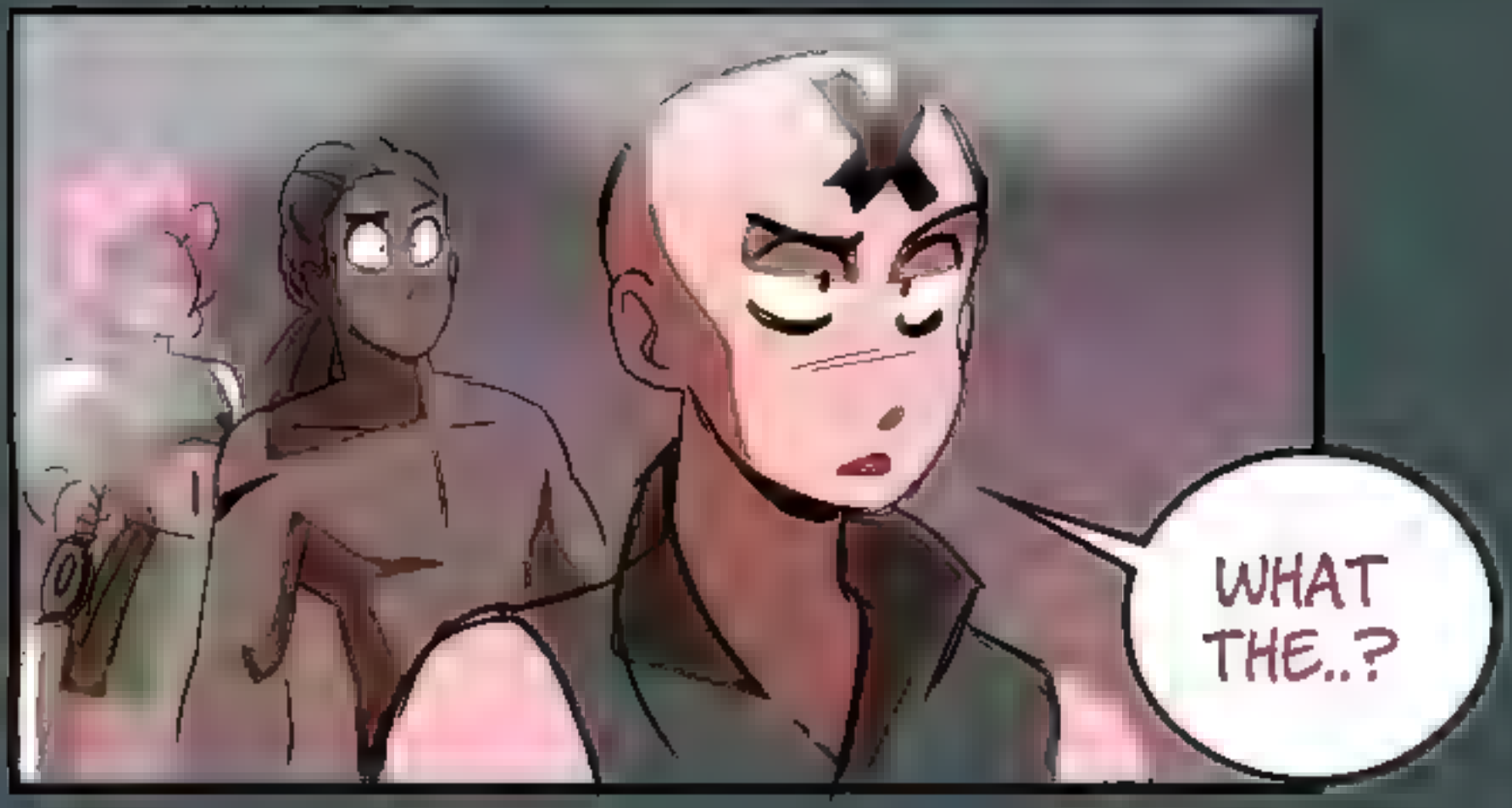
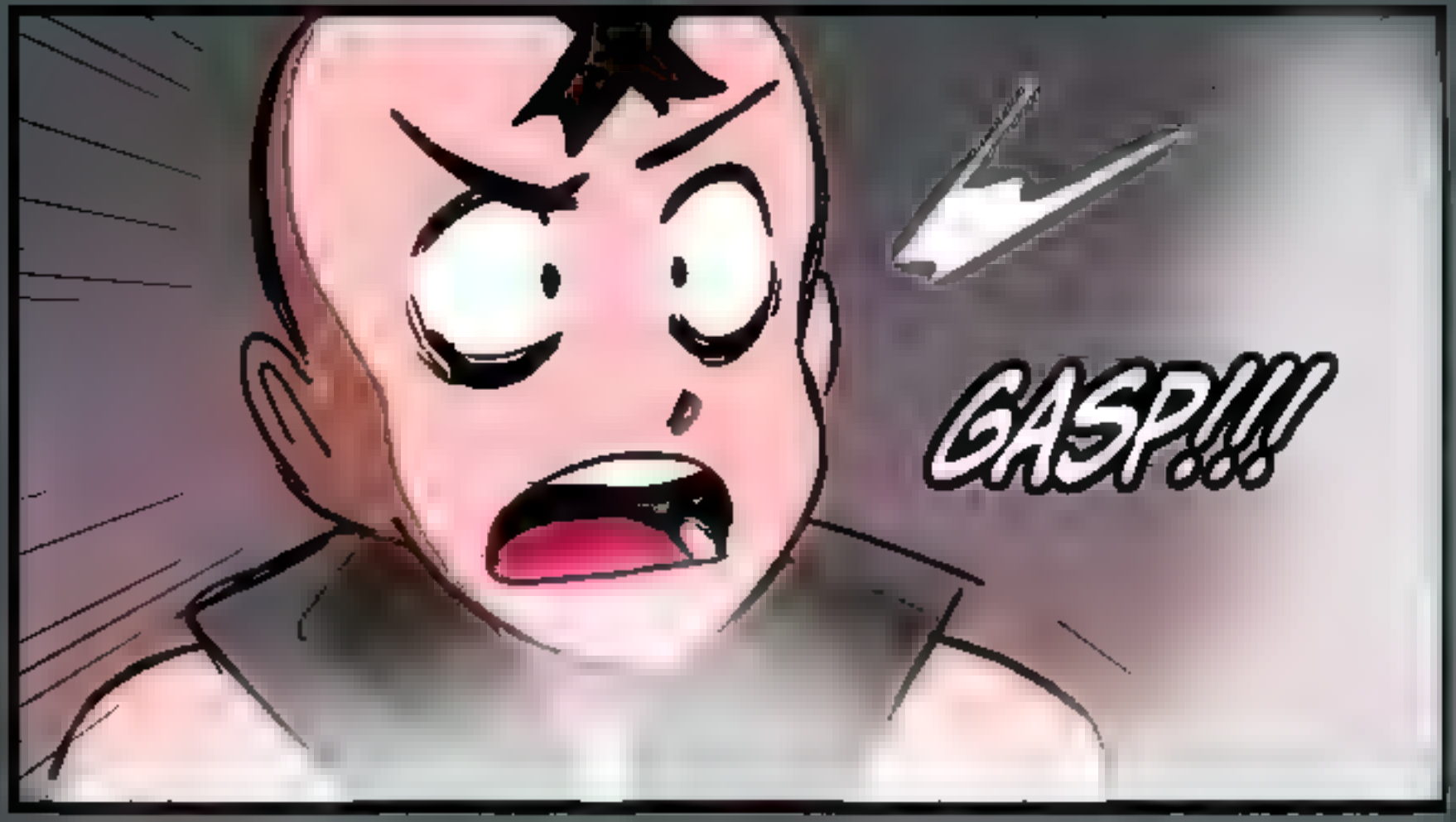

WHAT THE..?

XINJU...


GASP!!!

Oh?
Do you see something you like?

huhuhu...

WHO IS THE OTHER XINJU?

THE
HEART CHAKRA
CLONE.

XINJU IS ACTUALLY JUST ONE OF 6 CHAKRA CLONES THAT BELONGED TO A MAN NAMED 'AINJU'.

USING THE POWER OF HIS 7TH CHAKRA, AINJU COULD DIVIDE HIS BODY AND SOUL BETWEEN HIS OTHER 6 CHAKRAS.

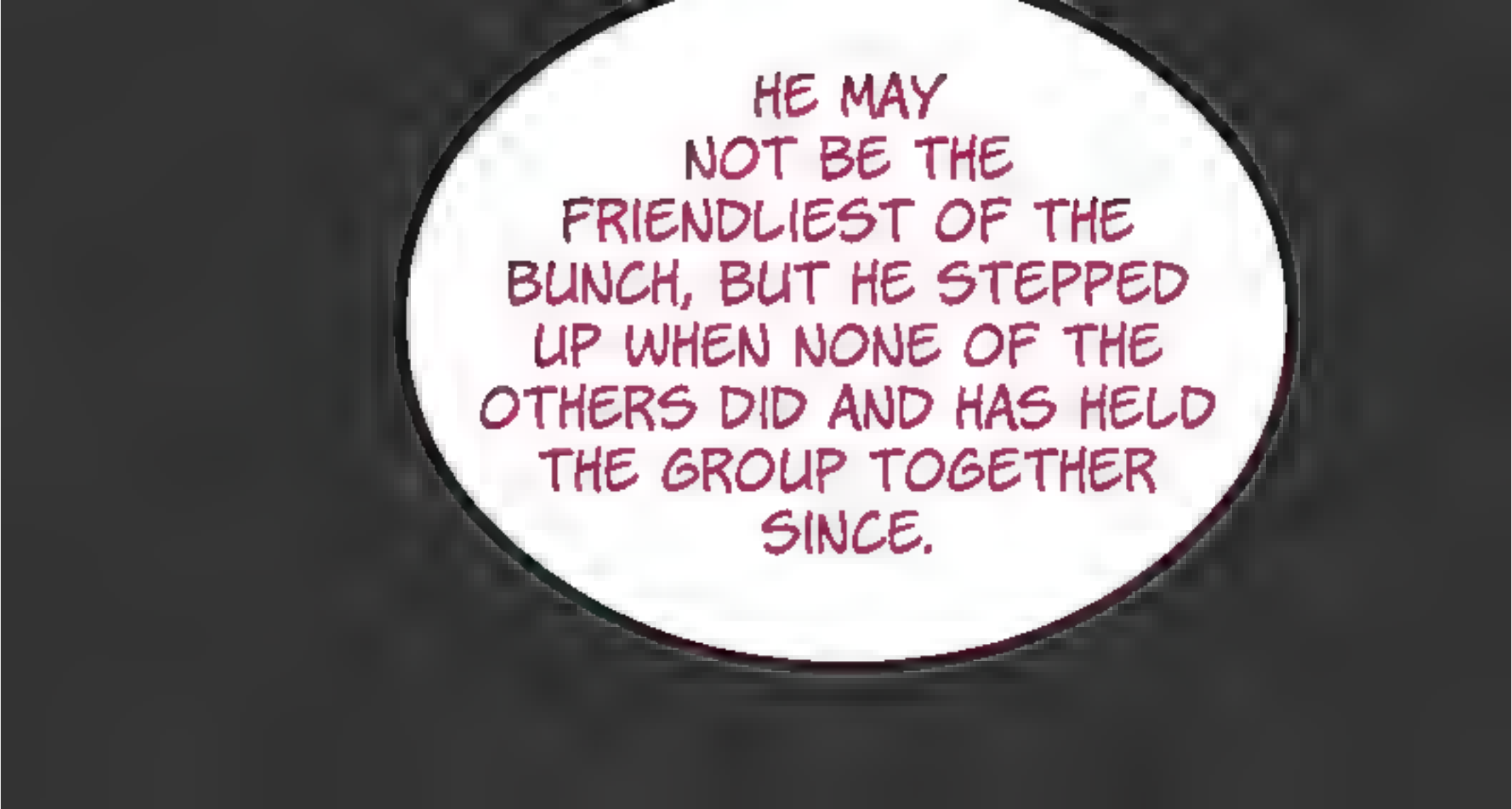
BUT HINJU
WAS KILLED BY
GYRUS SHORTLY
BEFORE THE
INCIDENT.

KGH--

SKREEEE

EVER SINCE
HINJU WENT MISSING,
AINJU HASN'T BEEN
ABLE TO REFORM.

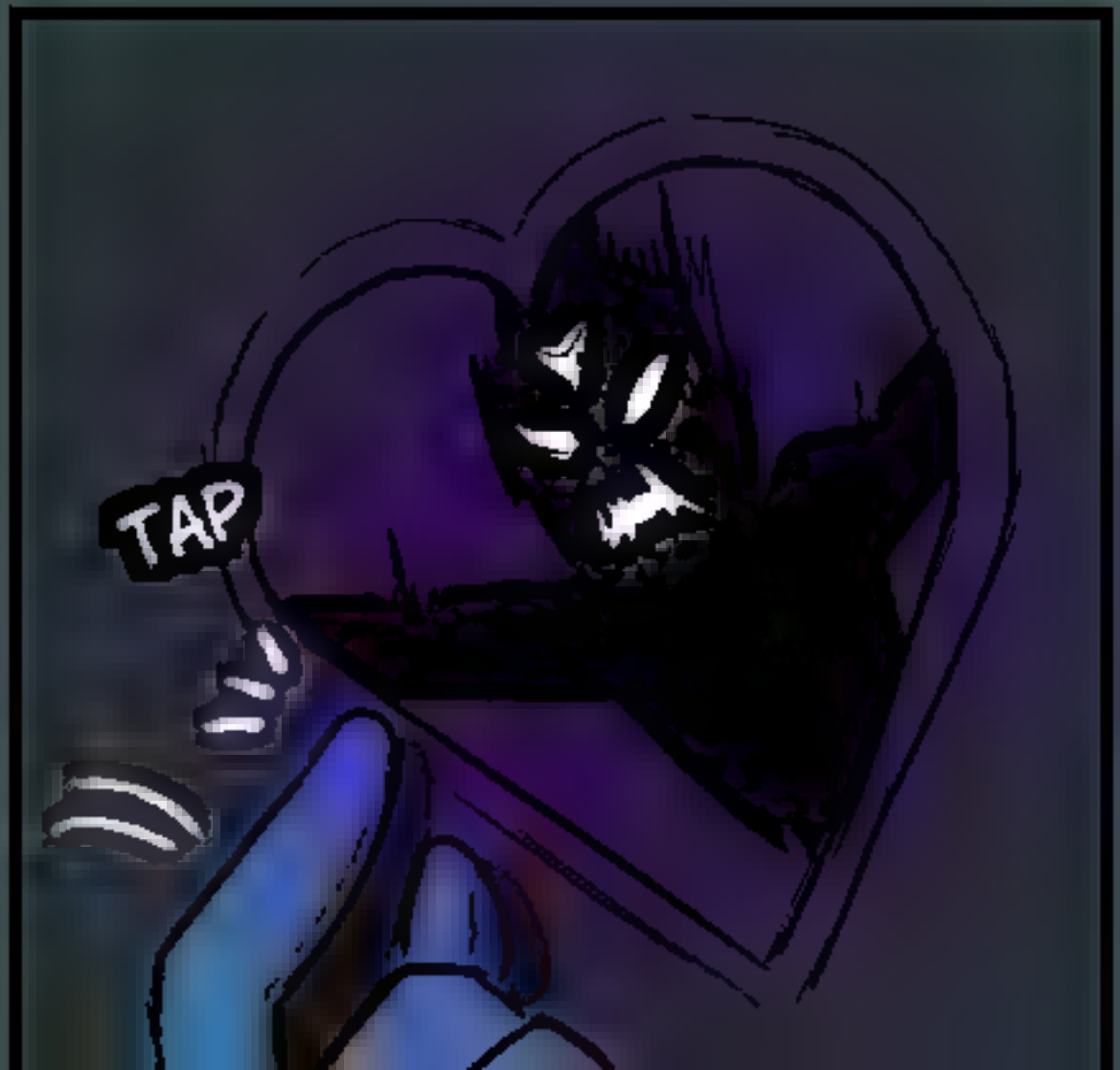
XINJU
TOOK RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE REMAINING
CHAKRAS AND HAS
BECOME THE NEW
PRIMARY IDENTITY.


HE MAY NOT BE THE FRIENDLIEST OF THE BUNCH, BUT HE STEPPED UP WHEN NONE OF THE OTHERS DID AND HAS HELD THE GROUP TOGETHER SINCE.

huhuhu...

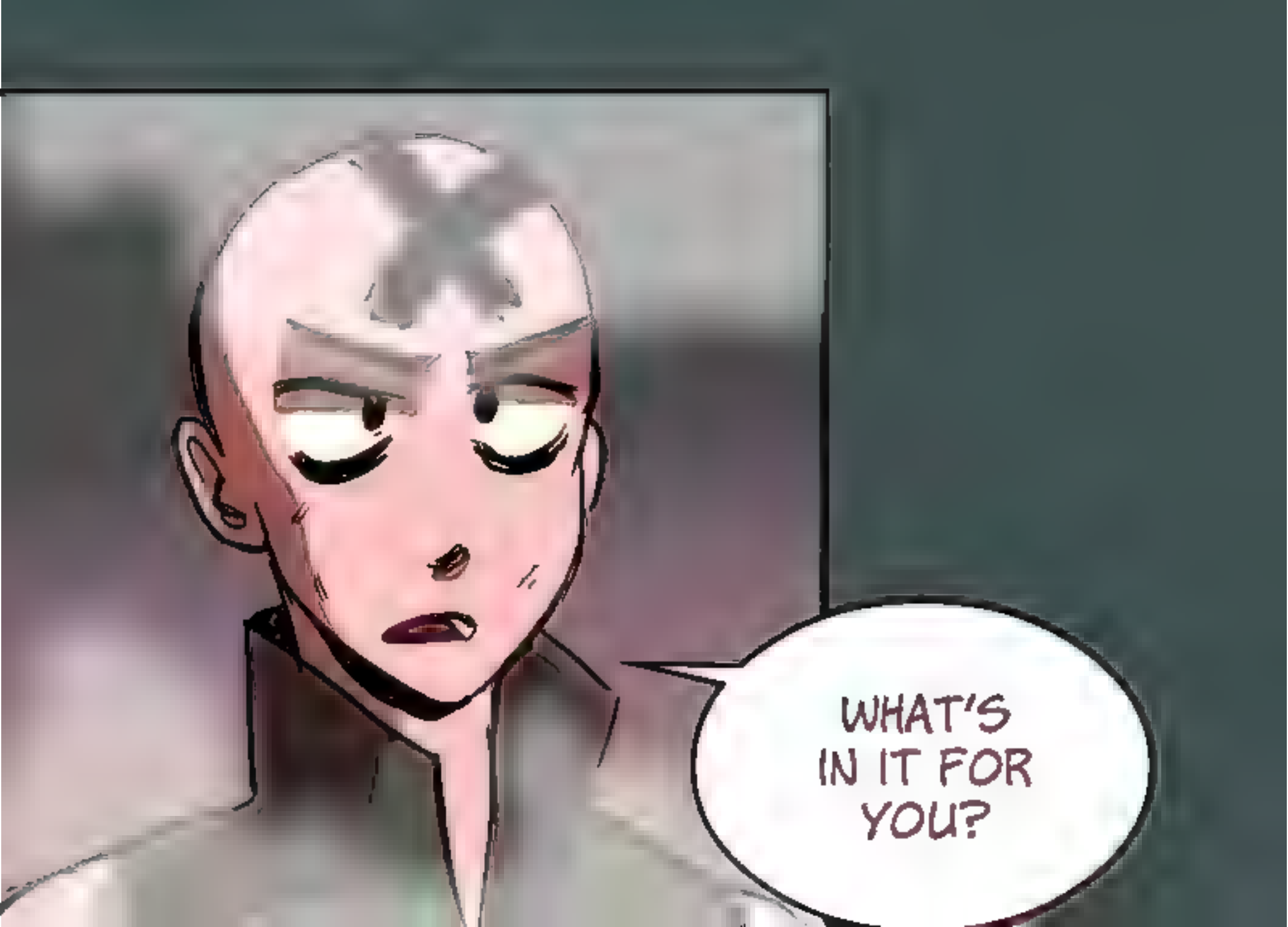
What a sad story!

Why don't we make a deal?
If you defeat me, I'll return this piece of soul to you, 100% cured!


TAP

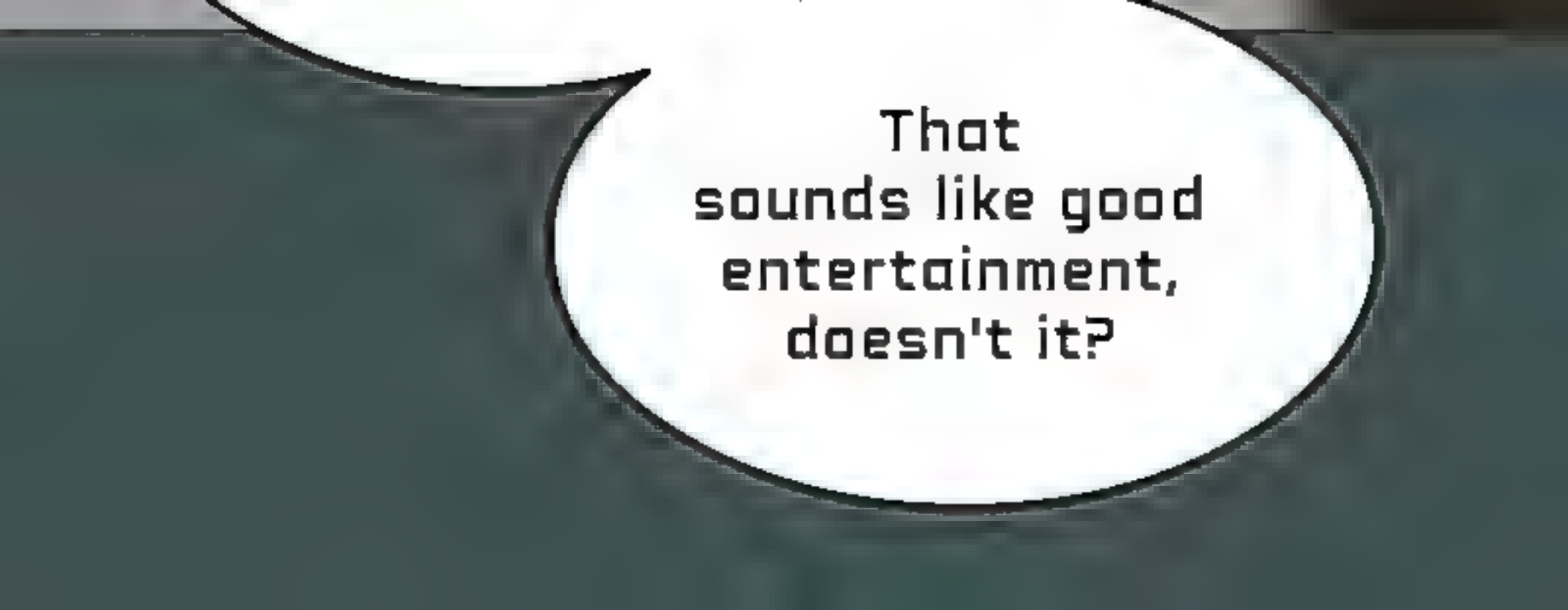
BWOOOO

X-XINJU...


WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

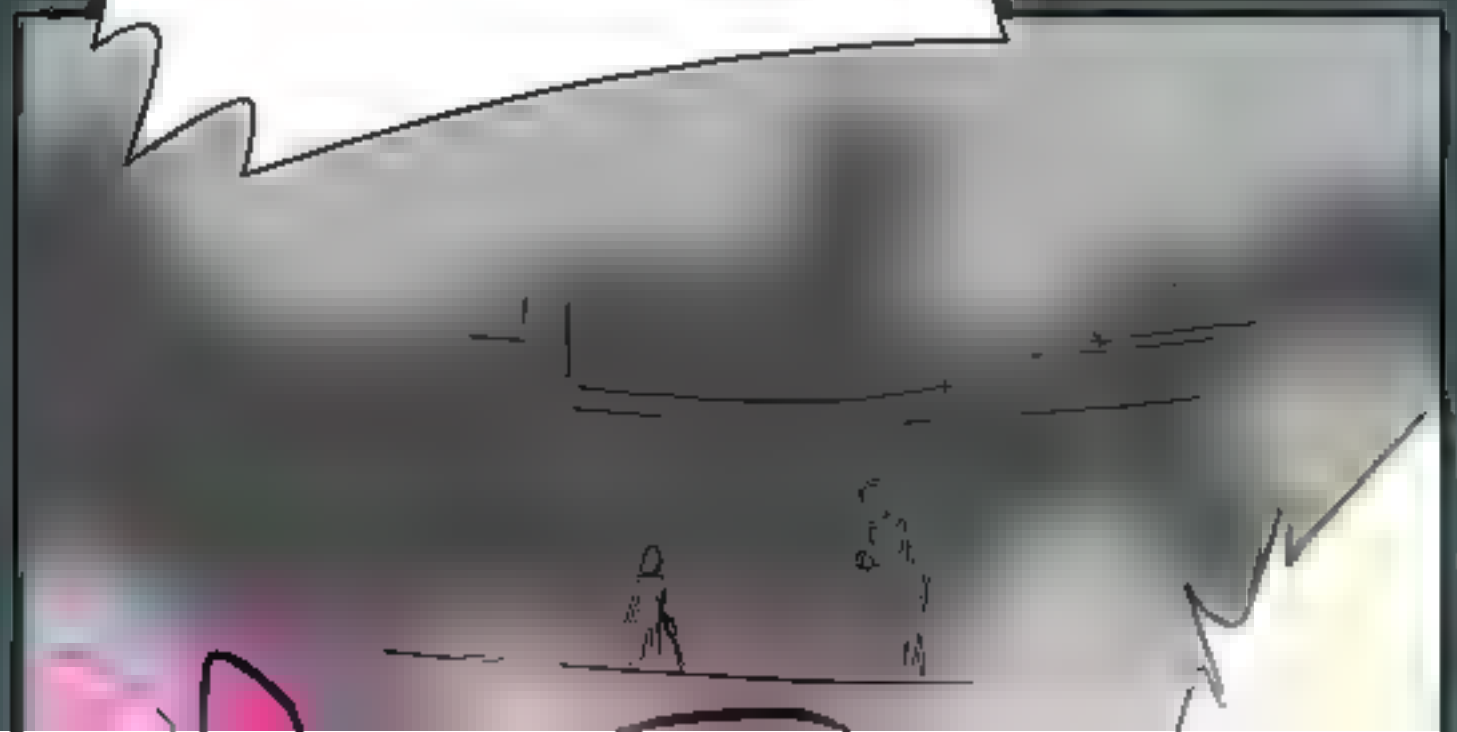
Well!
I want a good
fight of course!

And if you want to defeat me without destroying your heart's desire, you're going to need to get creative!

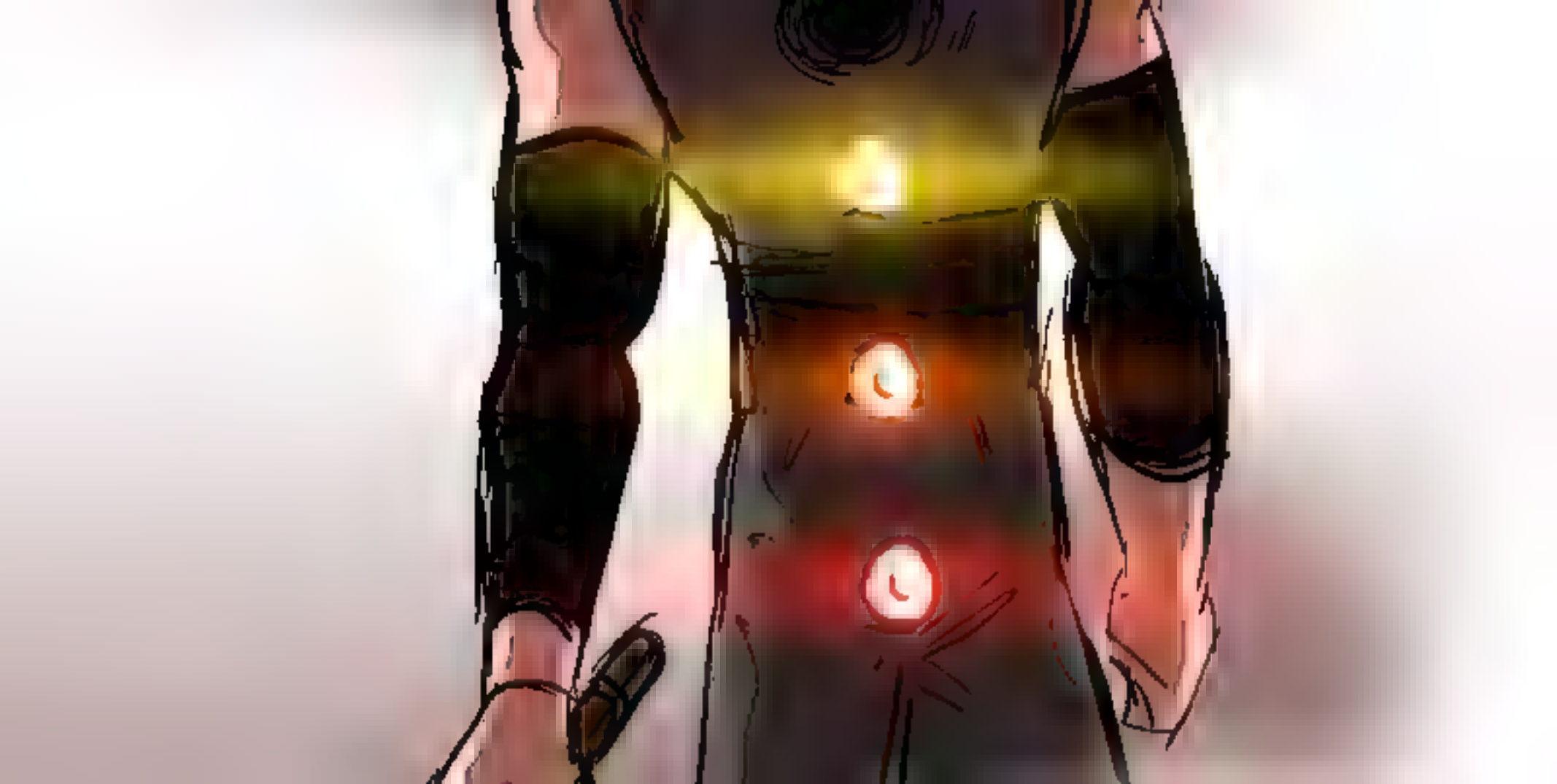

That
sounds like good
entertainment,
doesn't it?

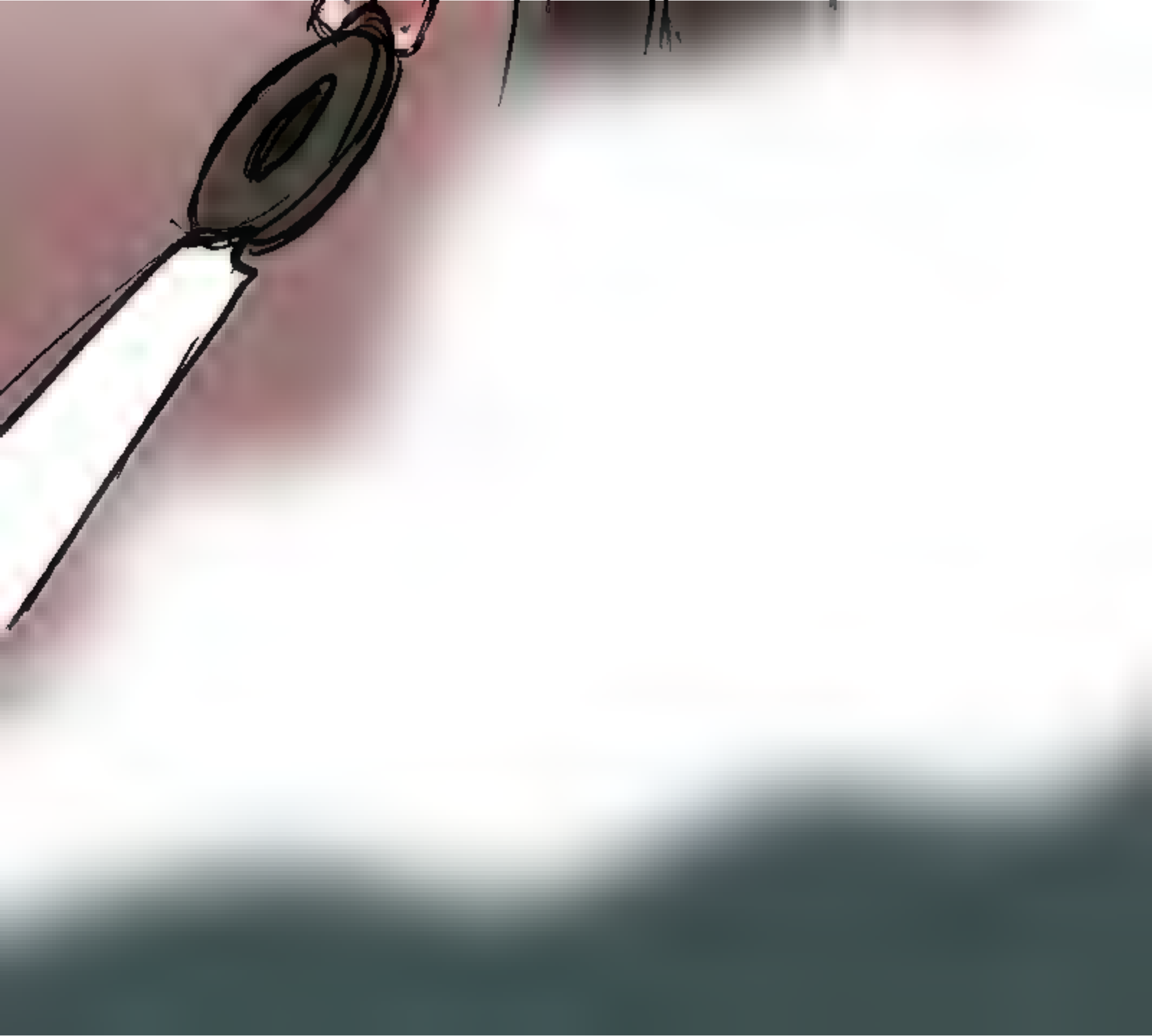
SNATCH!
I ACCEPT.

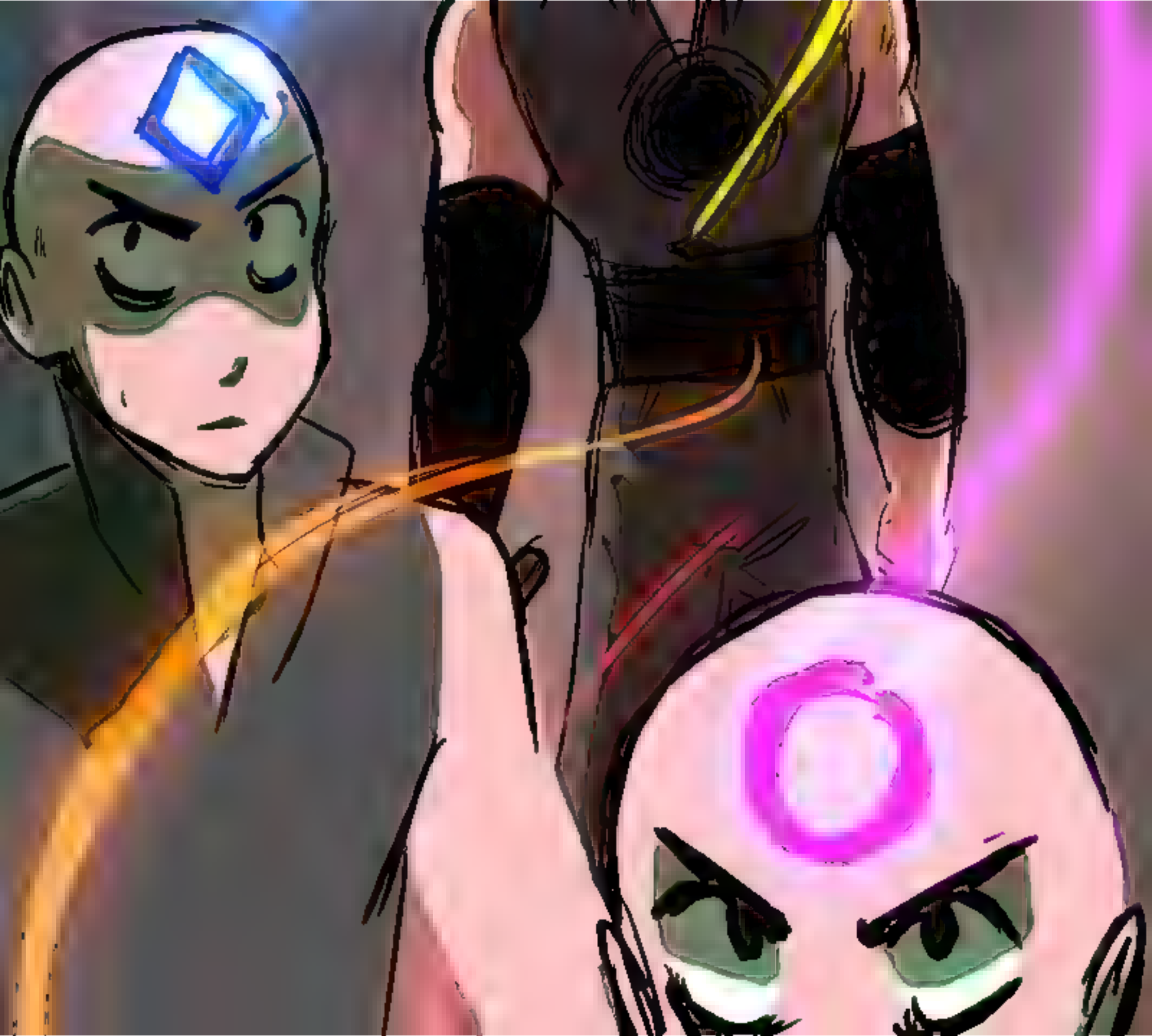
You heard him, folks!!

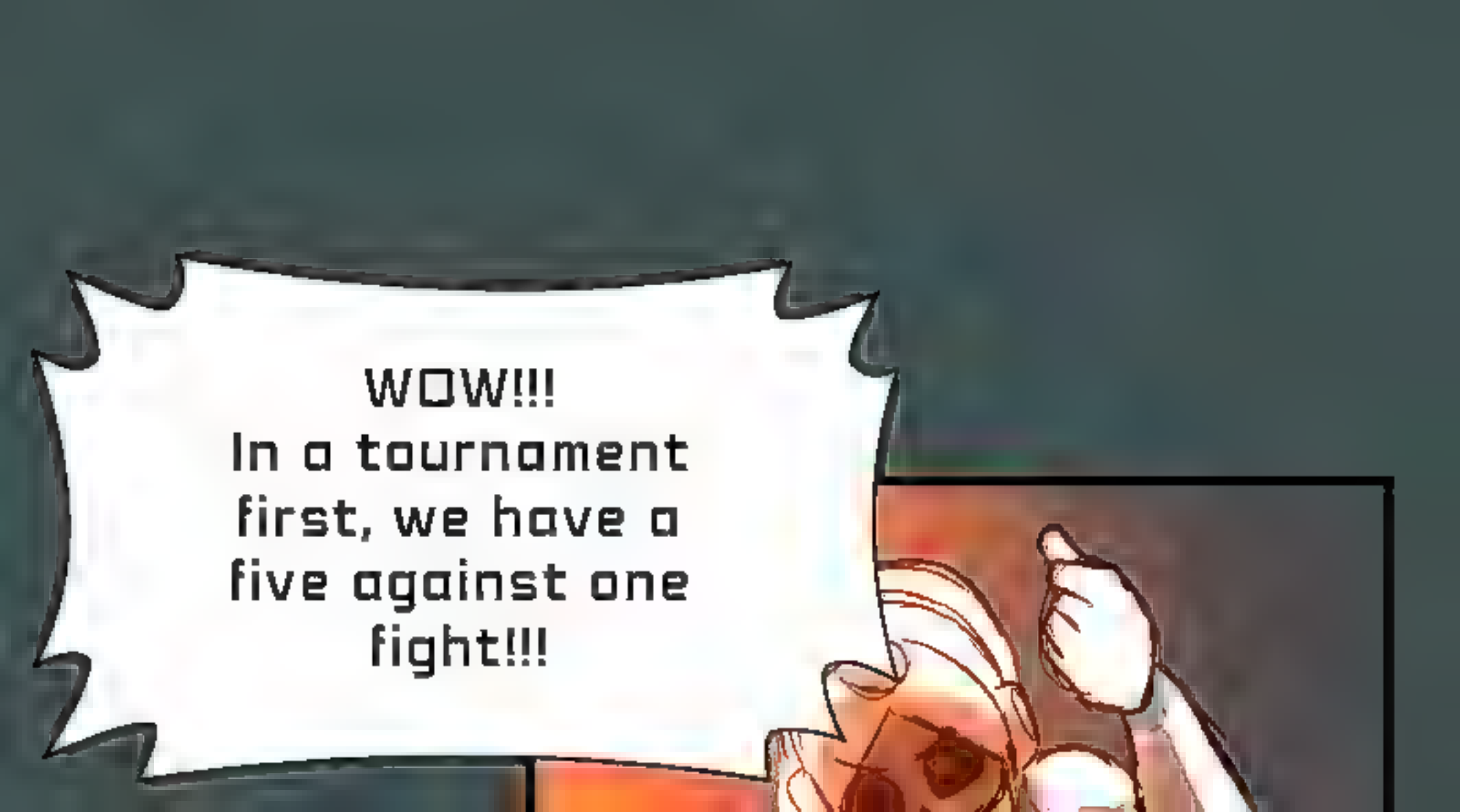


Let's
get this fight
started!!!



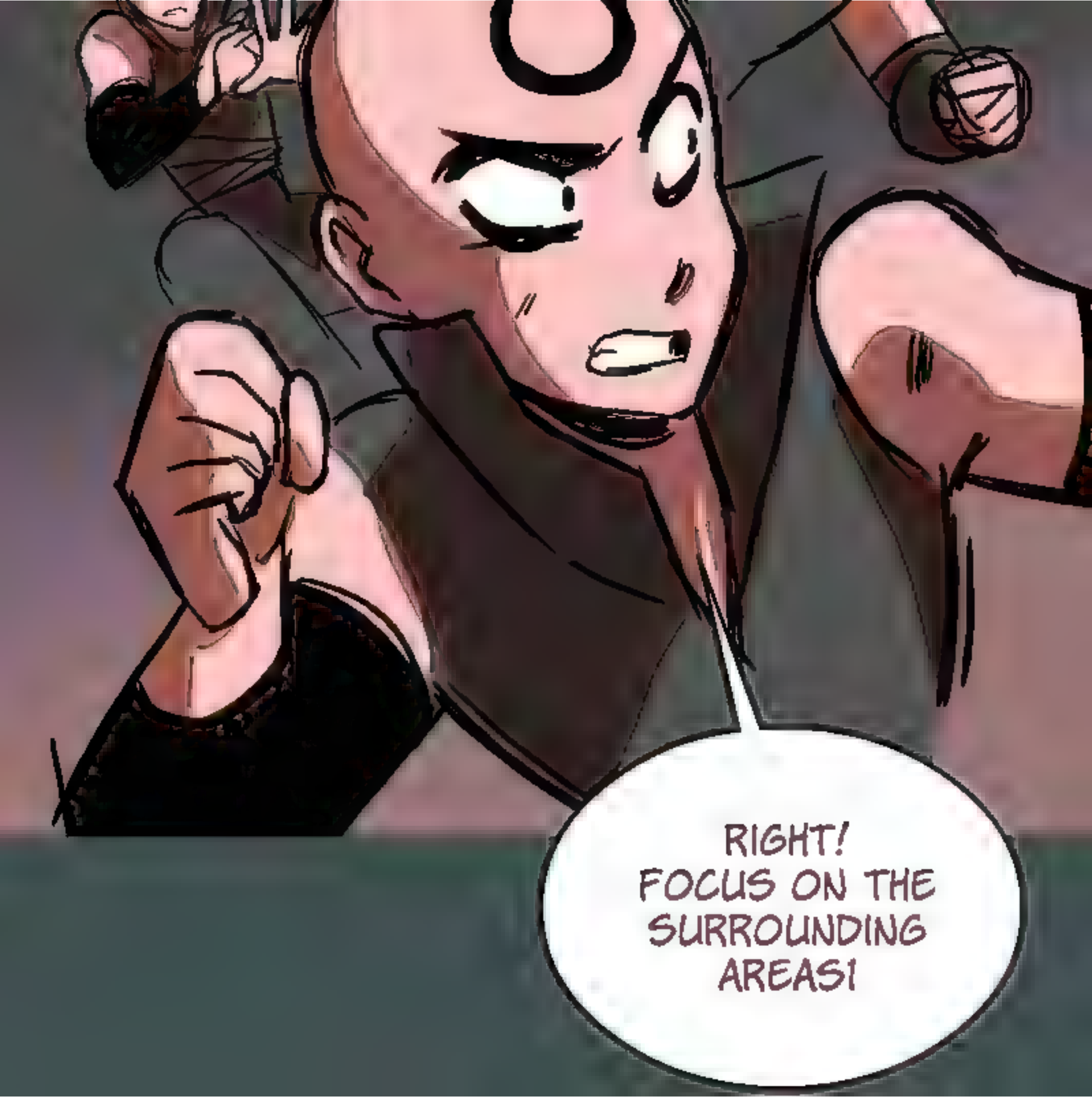





WOW!!!
In a tournament first, we have a five against one fight!!!

I don't know what the rules say about this, but I'm prepared to make an exception for THIS kind of twist!

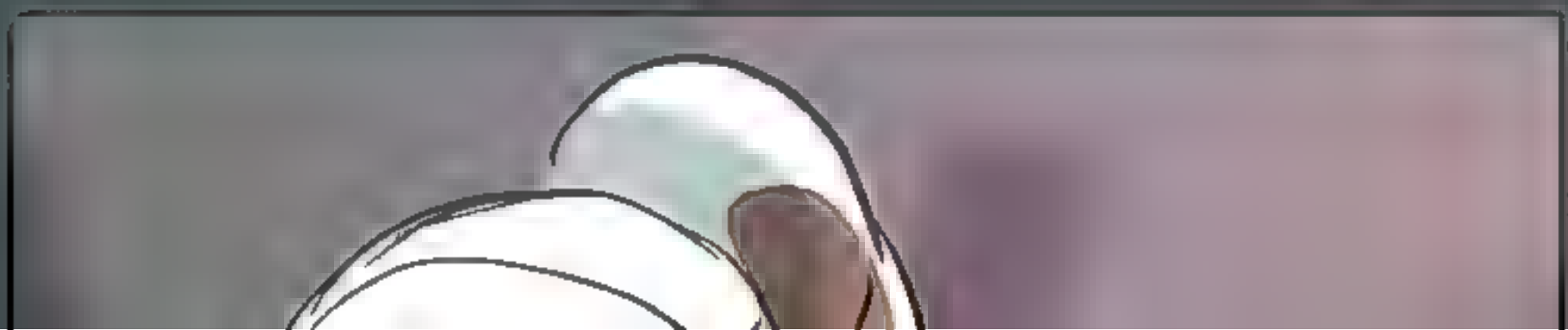
CAREFUL! WE CAN'T LET HINJU BE HARMED!
AIM YOUR ATTACKS AWAY FROM THE CHEST!


RIGHT!
FOCUS ON THE SURROUNDING AREAS!

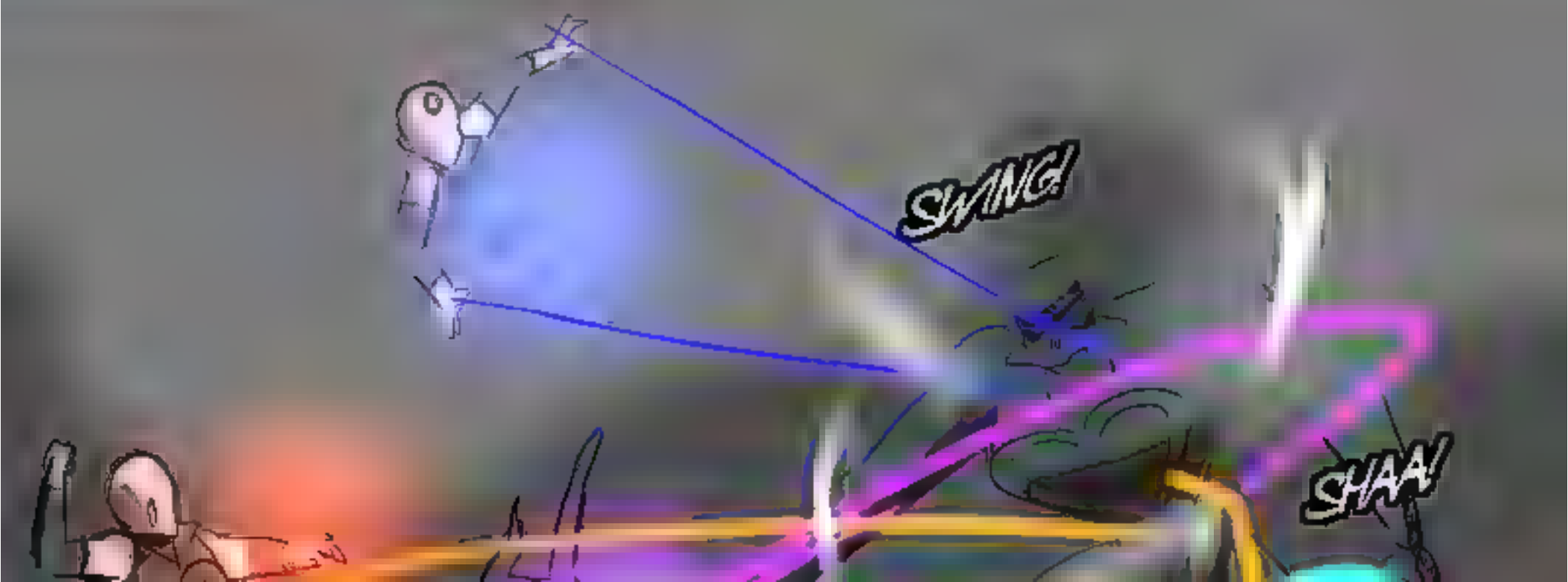
JUST HOLD ON, HINJU!

WE'RE COMING!

This contestant is really giving Desiroid a workout!!



Is our Boss outnumbered?!



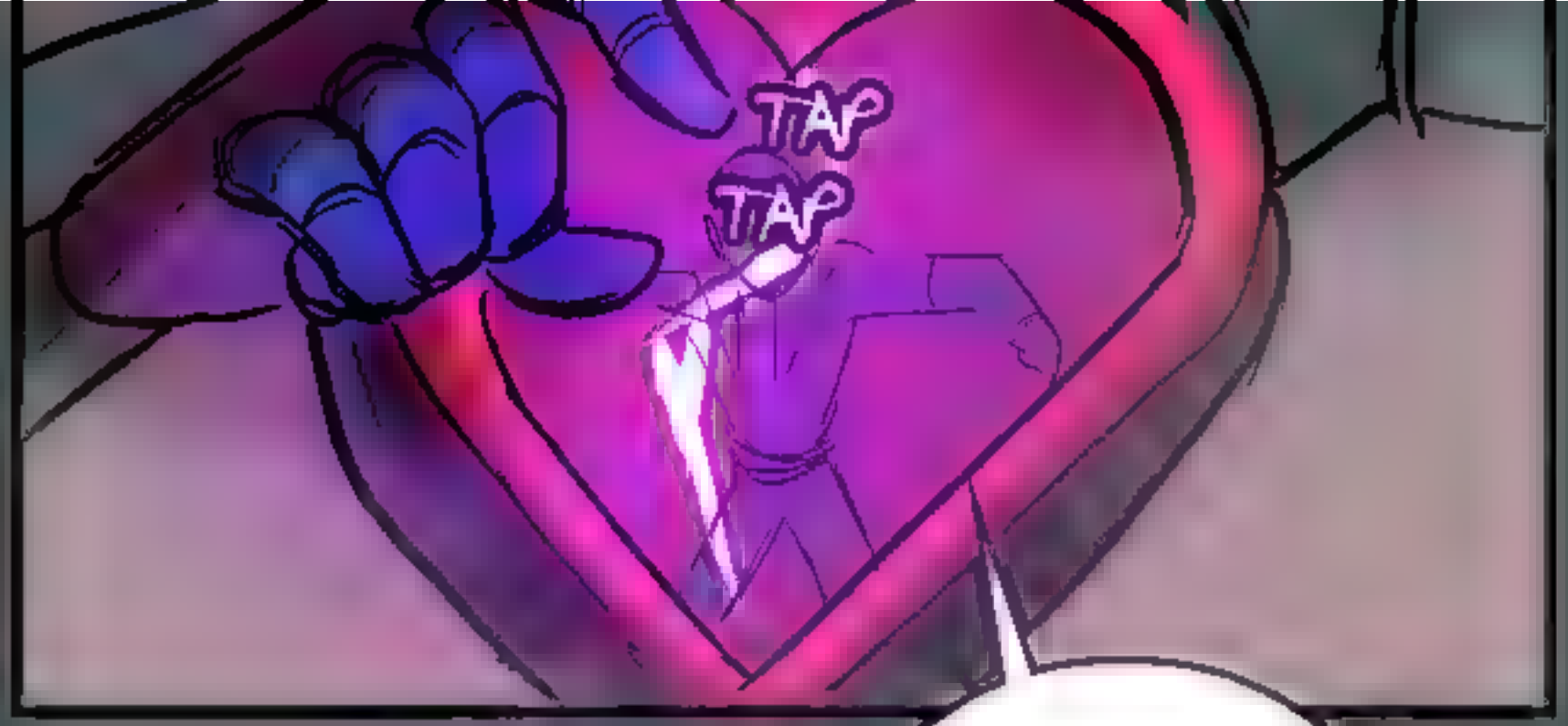
BOM!
CLASH!

THUD!

CRACK

CRACK

Careful, now!

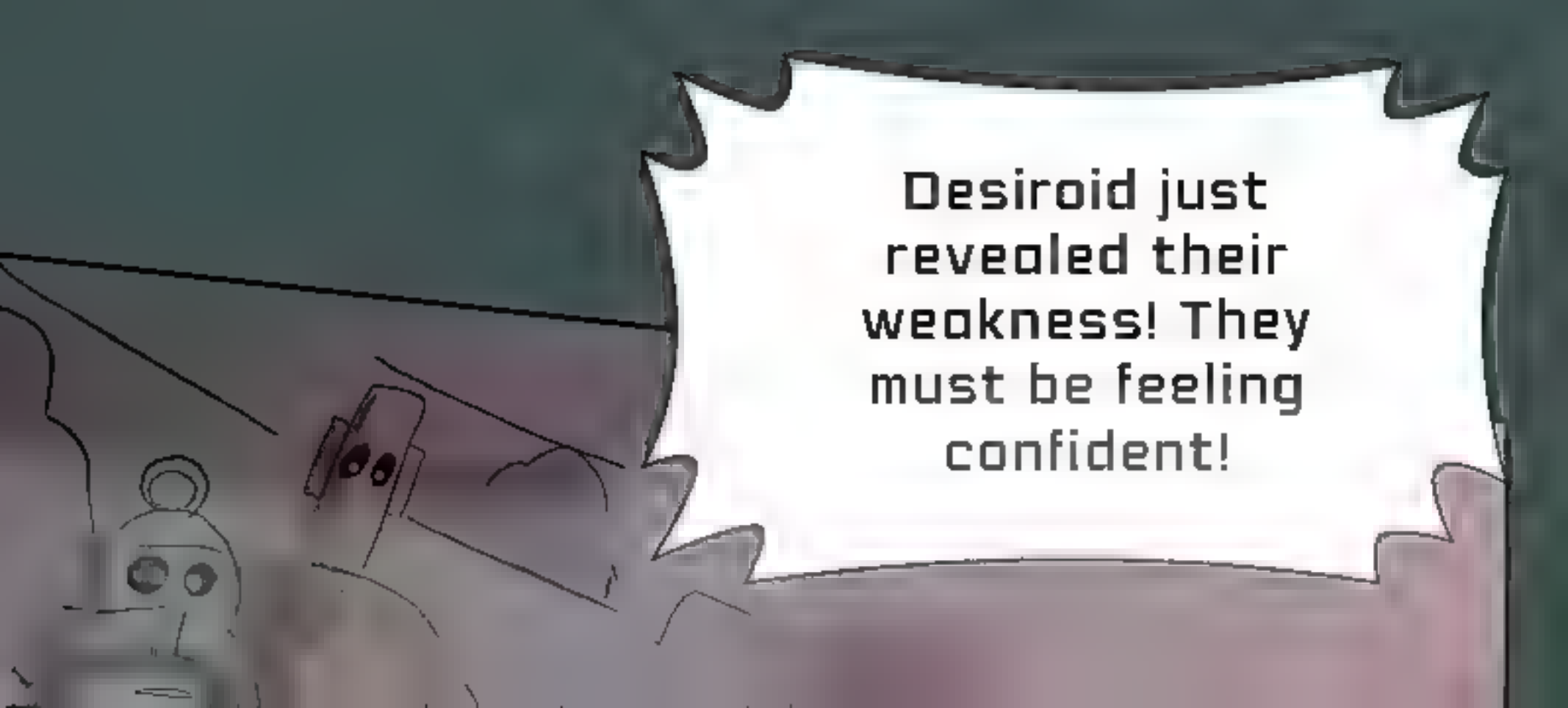



If you break my heart...

You'll never see him again!

Oh,
but I almost
forgot to
mention...

Breaking my heart is also the only way to defeat me!


Desiroid just revealed their weakness! They must be feeling confident!

But who wouldn't with such precious cargo?!

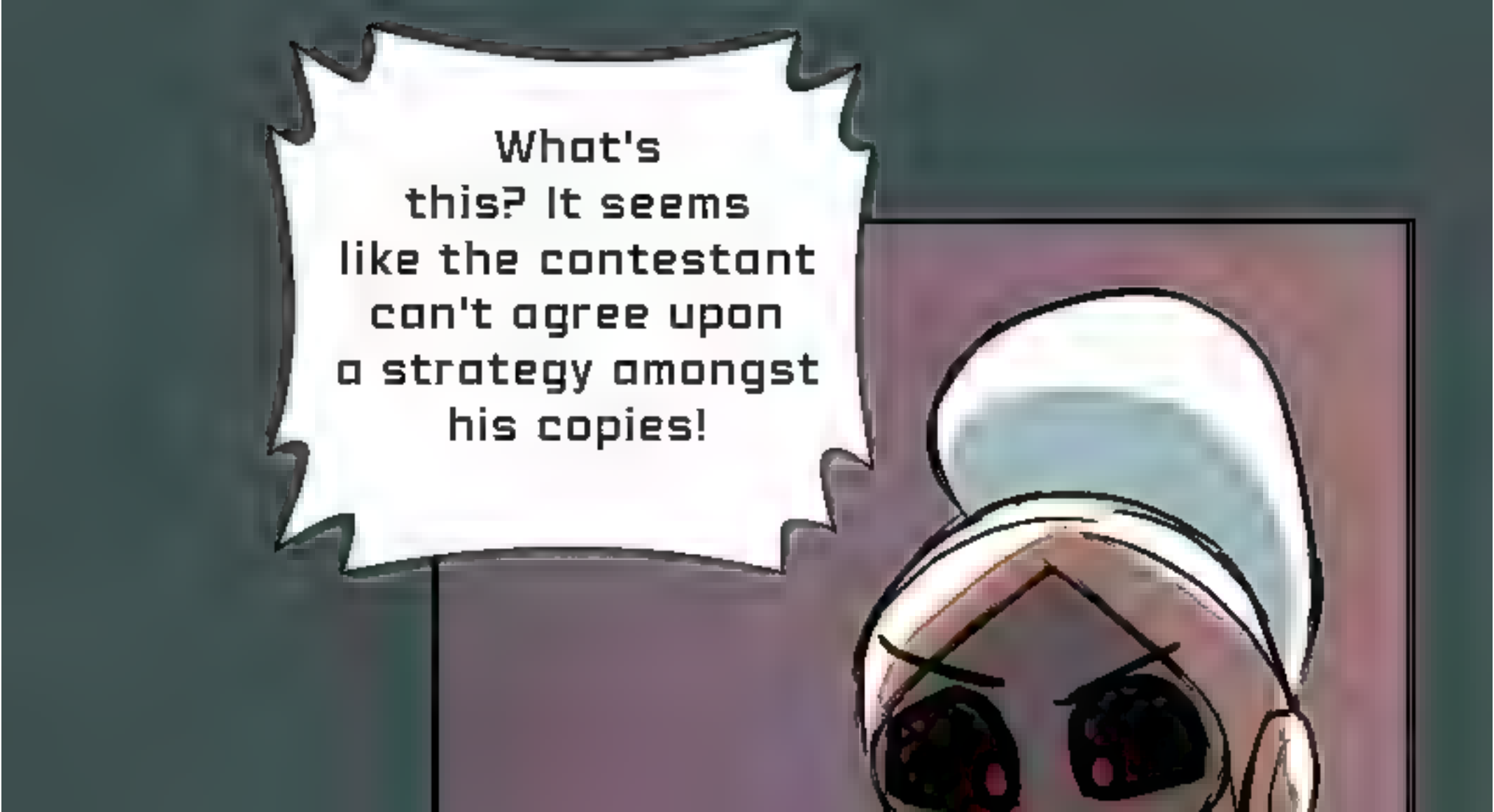
The object of this contestant's deepest desires is so close and yet so far away!

What choice will he make?!

Agh, my
circuits can hardly
take the load!!

BUT WHAT IF IT'S A TRAP? THEY COULD BE LYING!
HOLD ON, LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS...

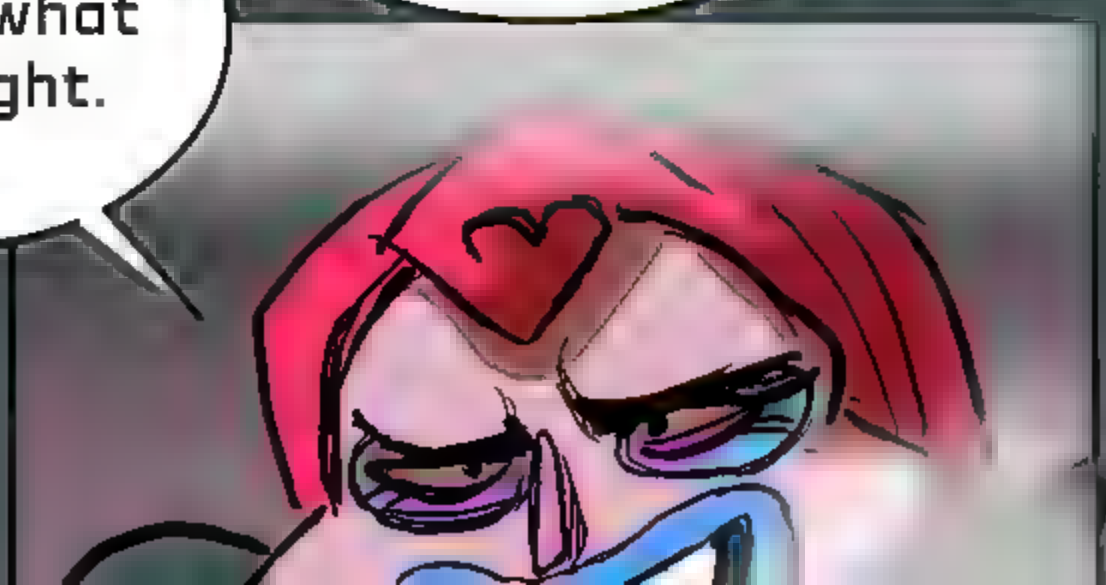
THERE MUST BE A SOLUTION WE'RE NOT SEEING.
IT'S HOPELESS! WE'RE JUST NOT STRONG ENOUGH WHEN WE'RE NOT AINJU!


What's this? It seems like the contestant can't agree upon a strategy amongst his copies!

EACH OF THEM HAVE THEIR OWN PERSONALITIES, ABILITIES AND EVEN BREAKING POINTS!

THAT'S WHAT MAKES XINJU SUCH A VERSATILE FIGHTER.

Haha, that's what I thought.

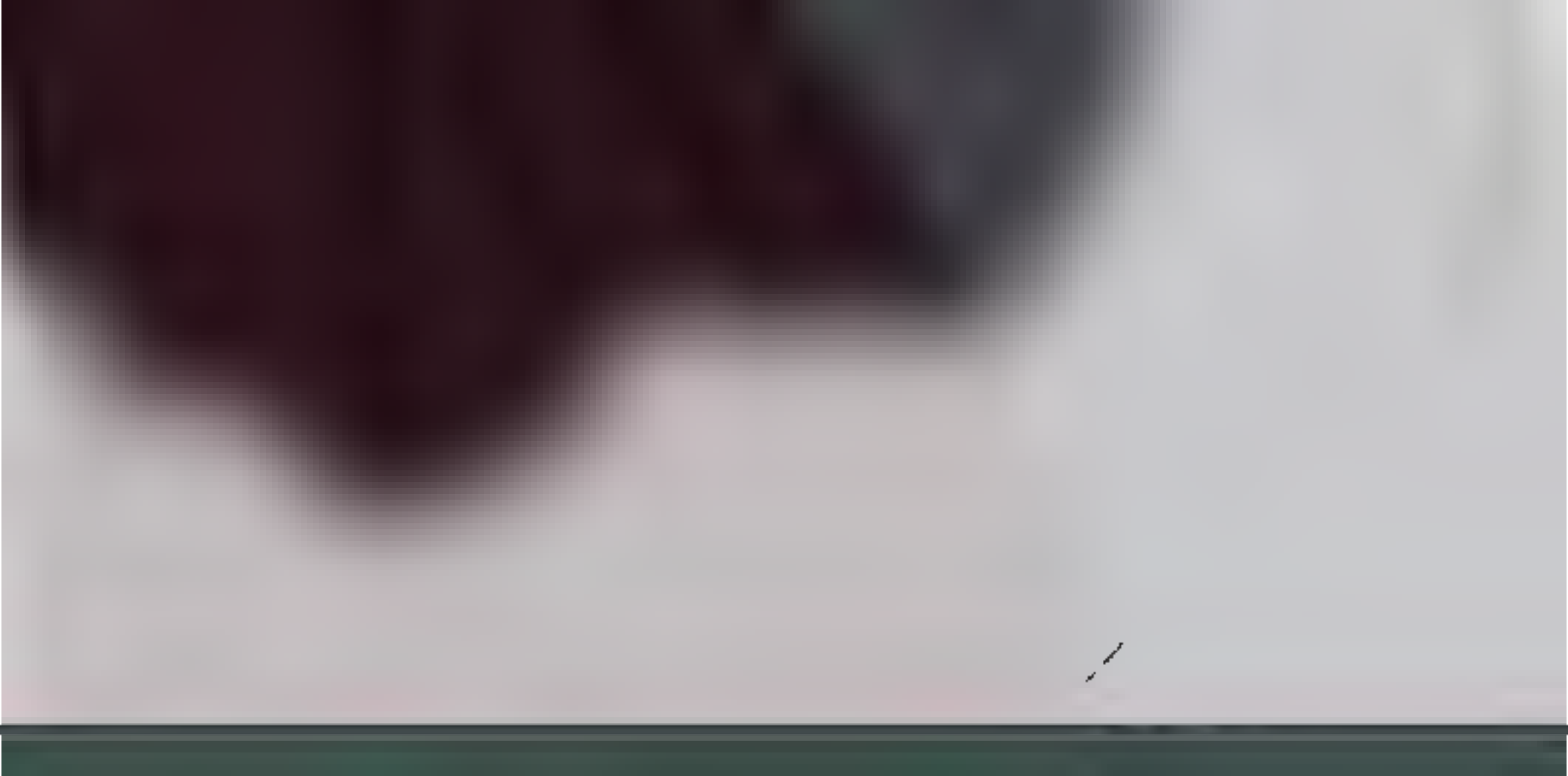


When it comes to affairs of the heart, nothing can distract us from our deepest--

WOOSH

WOOSH

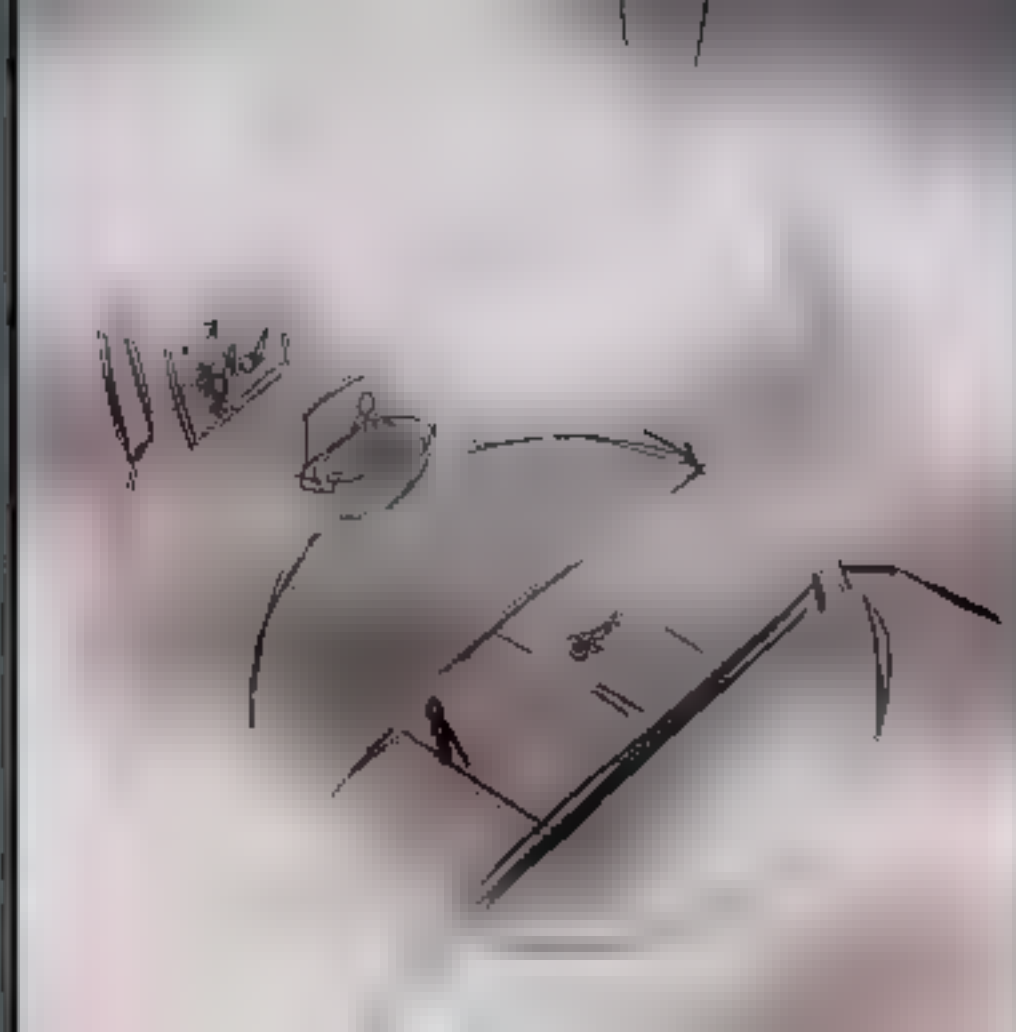
CRACK



I feel faint...!

THUD!

I don't believe it! He struck Desiroid directly in the heart!!

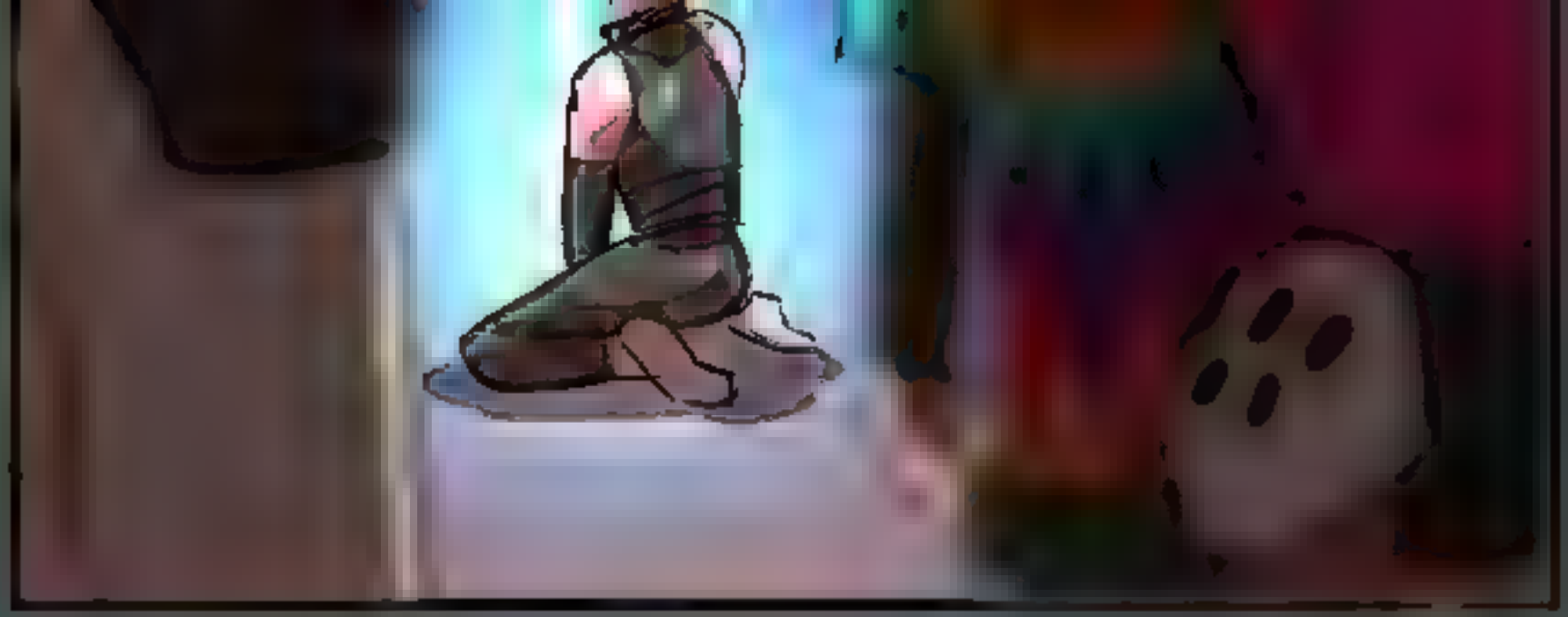


Talk about a cold-hearted move!!

IT'S HINJU! HE'S STILL THERE!!

TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK

TAK
TAK
mmmm



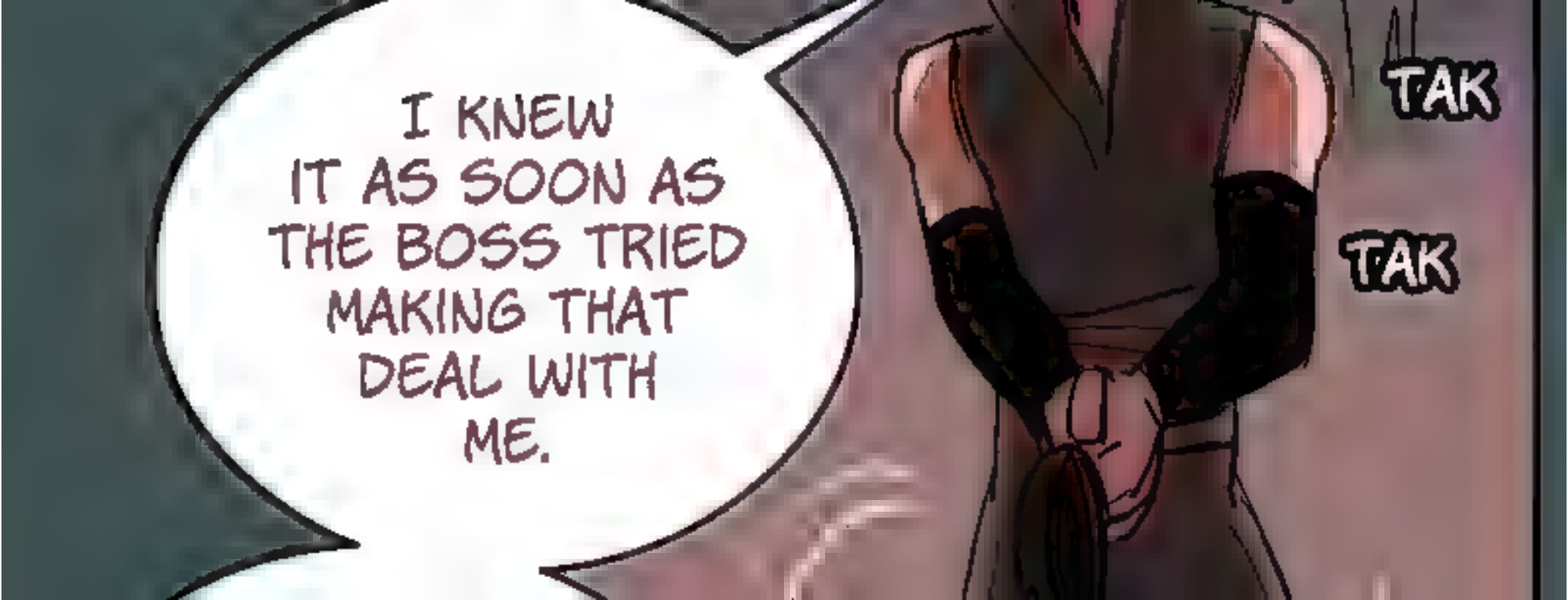
...AINJU?
NOPE,
STILL ME.

SORRY
TO DISAPPOINT
YOU.

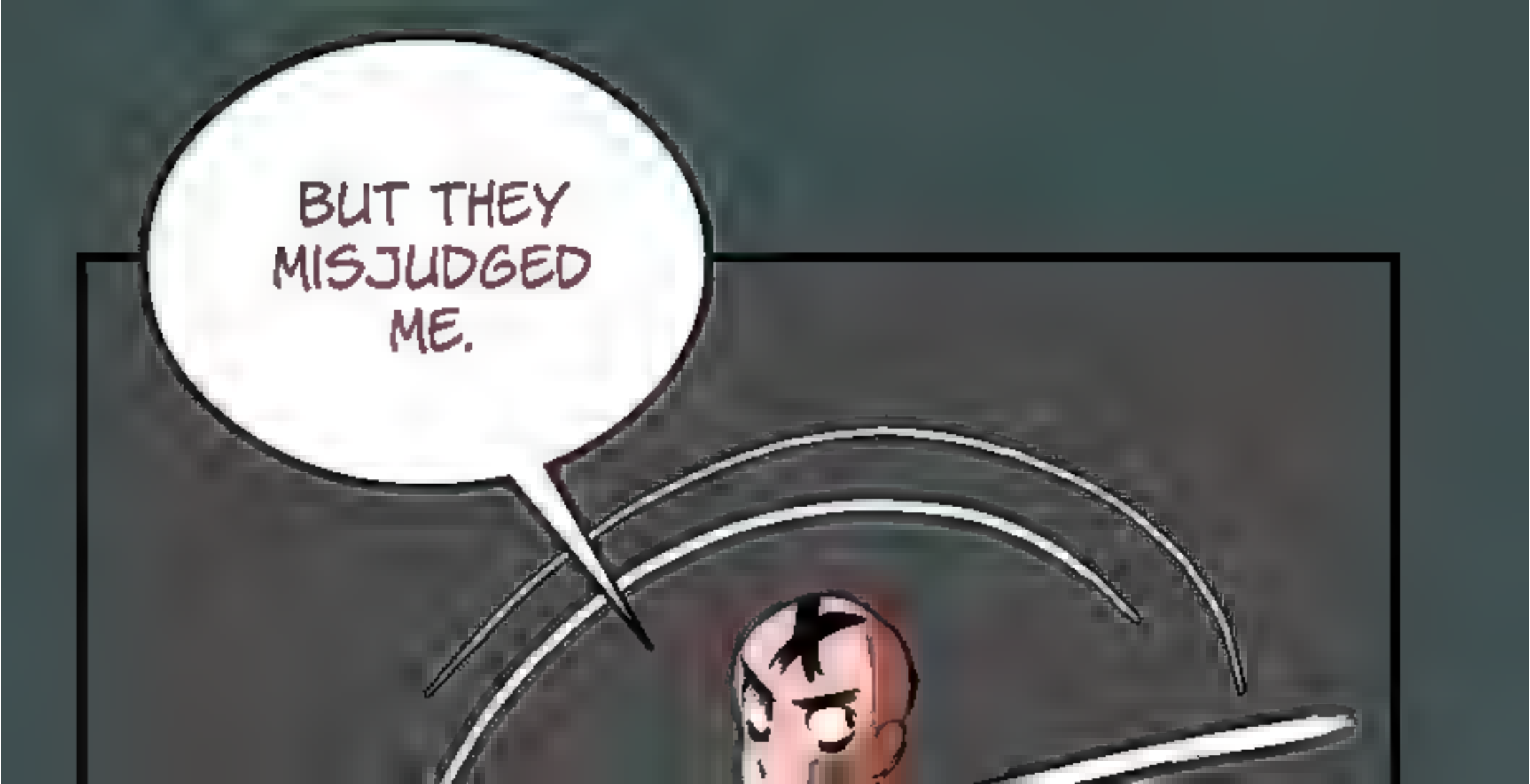
XINJU...
I'M SORRY
YOU HAD TO MAKE
THAT CHOICE...

STAND
DON'T BE.

HINJU
WAS NEVER
REALLY
THERE.

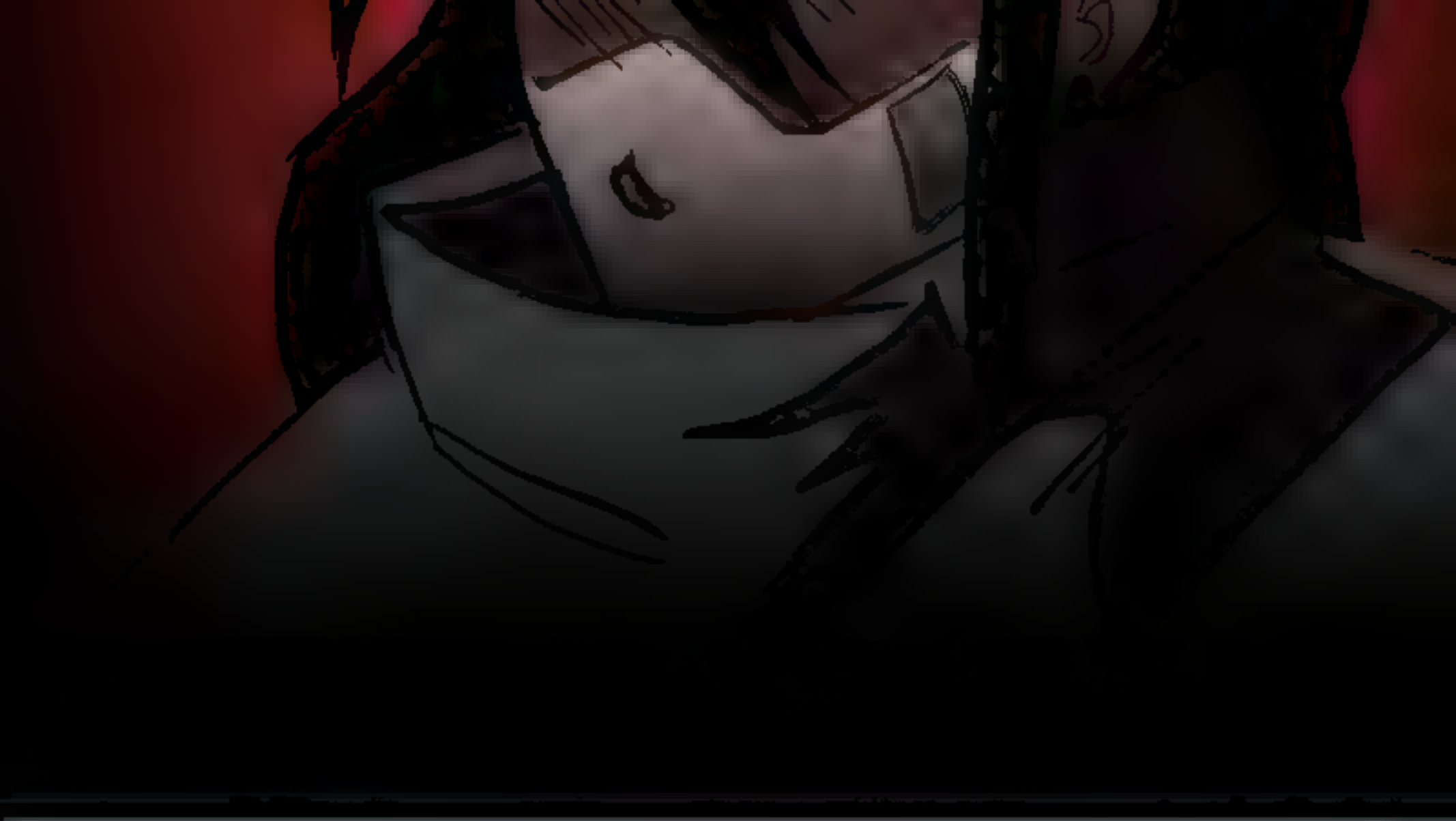

I KNEW IT AS SOON AS THE BOSS TRIED MAKING THAT DEAL WITH ME.
TAK
TAK

THEY WERE COUNTING ON ME TO FOLLOW WHAT MY HEART WANTED MOST.


BUT THEY MISJUDGED ME.

I LOST MY HEART YEARS AGO.

THE ONLY FEELING THAT DRIVES ME NOW IS VENGEANCE AGAINST THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.



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